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Comprehensive Procedure for Registration of Non Governmental Organization in India

Establishing a non-profit entity in India is a noble and structured endeavor aimed at driving socio-economic progress, community development, and welfare initiatives. To function formally, receive legal recognition, and access vital tax exemptions, executing a proper legal structure is mandatory. This document explores the comprehensive legal frameworks, statutory pathways, and step-by-step procedures involved in the successful execution of an NGO setup.

1. Three Primary Forms of NGO Structures in India

Before initiating the paperwork, founders must choose an appropriate legal structure based on their operational scale, resource requirements, and governance preference. The legal frameworks are governed by different statutory laws:

INFOGRAPHIC 1: LEGAL FRAMEWORK OPTIONS FOR NGOS

Trust

Act: Indian Trusts Act, 1882
Key Feature: Managed by Trustees under a Trust Deed. Best for property/asset management dedicated to public charity.

Society

Act: Societies Registration Act, 1860
Key Feature: Membership-based governance with a Governing Body. Ideal for clubs, cultural groups, and pan-India networks.

Section 8

Act: Companies Act, 2013
Key Feature: Non-profit limited company form. Offers high professional credibility, limited liability, and seamless global funding.

2. Step-by-Step Incorporation Framework

Regardless of the structure chosen, a seamless progression through official verification channels ensures long-term operational success. The legal setup demands precision in structural drafting and document validation.

INFOGRAPHIC 2: STEP-BY-STEP INCORPORATION FLOWCHART

01 Documentation & Objectives

Drafting the primary objectives, Memorandum of Association (MOA), and Rules & Regulations tailored to social welfare goals.

02 Name Approval & Reservation

Submitting unique non-profit name options to relevant authorities (ROC for Section 8 Companies or Registrar of Societies).

03 Filing & Legal Submission

Filing complete digital and physical forms, including Identity Proofs, Address Proofs, and Affidavits before the jurisdictional magistrate or sub-registrar.

04 Verification & Licensing

Rigorous assessment by state or central agencies, culminating in the formal issuance of the Registration License and Certificate of Incorporation.

3. Mandatory Documentation & Compliances

To establish accountability, the government enforces absolute transparency in documentation. The core requirements for the formal **registration of non governmental organization** structures include:

- **Identity and Address Proofs:** PAN Cards, Aadhaar Cards, and valid voter profiles of all foundational members, promoters, or proposed directors.
- **Registered Office Verification:** Utility bills (electricity/water), NOC from the landlord, and a valid registered lease agreement of the workspace.
- **Constitutional Charters:** Properly structured Trust Deeds or Articles of Association explicitly clarifying the non-profit distribution clause.

4. Critical Post-Registration Tax Benefits

Once registered, securing financial viability through institutional funding and tax savings is paramount. NGOs must obtain distinct certifications from the Income Tax Department:

INFOGRAPHIC 3: KEY INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

12A Certificate

Grants a complete income tax exemption on the surplus institutional revenues and corporate funding accumulated by the organization, safeguarding your operational budget.

80G Registration

Provides a massive financial incentive to your benefactors by offering a 50% tax deduction on their voluntary monetary donations, greatly accelerating fund development.

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